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(Case No. 05-314-C)

In the Application of:

Singh et al.

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Infection

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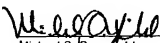
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Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JULY 19, 2005MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2005, the Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following preliminary remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 12 of this paper.